

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY 25X1 REPORT

## CD NO.

**CONFIDENTIAL**

SUBJECT    Controlled Prices in Poland

NO. OF PAGES 2

25X1

NO. OF ENCLS.  
(LISTED BELOW)

DATE OF INFO.

SUPPLEMENT TO  
REPORT NO.

THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ESPIONAGE ACT 50 U.S.C., 31 AND 32, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS IN ANY MANNER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. REPRODUCTION OF THIS FORM IS PROHIBITED.

THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

25X1 1. Controlled prices of various commodities in Poland in February 1951 are  
25X1 as follows:

a. Food Products

21.

Beef	6	per kg.
Pork sausage	12-14	" "
Pork meat	9	" "
Ham	18-22	" "
Bacon	13.70	" "
Lard	15-20	" "
Butter	27-30	" "
Milk	1-1.50	per liter
Vodka	36	" "
Alcohol	90	" "
Eggs	1-1.50	each
Wheat flour	3	per kg.
Rye flour	2	" "
Sugar	5.25	" "
Rye bread	1.02 to 1.45	" "
Salted herring	8.10	" "

Although sugar and flour are not rationed, not more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. or one lb. may be purchased at a time. If more than 5 kg. are found in a home, the penalty is from one to two years in a forced-labor camp. There is no buckwheat porridge to be had in Poland, and a shortage of herring exists.

## b. Clothing

21.

Suits (poor quality)	200-1,200
Wool overcoat (poor quality)	500-1,500
Shirts	20-60
Best shoes	300 (approximately)

Document No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 To Change To Class: ☐  
☐ Reclassified  
 To Be Changed To: TS S (C) 25X1  
 FROM - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY  
 DATE: 11 AUG 1979

CLASSIFICATION. ~~SECRET~~/CONTROL - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

STATE	X	NAVY	X	NSRB		DISTRIBUTION		31 AUG 1979	
ARMY	X	AIR	X	FBI		OR?	By		

**CONFIDENTIAL**

~~SECRET/CONTROL~~ - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

25X1

-2-

CONFIDENTIAL

c. Other Prices

Gasoline (rationed)	2.40	per liter
Nylon stockings	200-300	per pair
Women's silk stockings	60-70	" "
Taxi fares	1.20	per km

Men's socks are unavailable in Poland, and women's silk stockings are seldom obtainable.

## 2. The following is the scale of wages:

Unskilled labor	250-300	zl. per month
Skilled labor	350-600	" " "
Civil Service	450-700	" " "

Miners who fulfill the norm laid down earn at least 50 percent more than factory workers.

3. Allowances in addition to wages are given in Poland. Families in which there are two children receive 102 zl. per month, although plans are now under consideration for granting allowances only to families having three or more children. Grants for marriage or for death are from 50 to 100 zl. Payments of all the above allowances are effected by the Trade Unions. Although each worker contributes a half percent of his wages monthly for the allowances, there is great difficulty in obtaining the grants.

Comment: The revalued zloty, which is rated at four to the U.S. dollar, has a black market rate of from 40 to 60 to the dollar.

~~SECRET/CONTROL~~ - U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY

CONFIDENTIAL